

## PASTOR CRUZAN.

A Masterly Address on Licentiousness—Dime Novels and Vile Publications—Fallen Women Who Enter the Chariot of Death.

Sexuality, Ignorance and Innocence—The Wretches Who Ruin Women—A Warning to Young Men.

Rev. Mr. Cruzan preached a strong and eloquent sermon last night from the following text: Prov 9:18 (speaking of the house of the strange woman, where Solomon says) "But he knoweth not that the dead are there. Her guests are in the depths of hell." The pastor said in substance:

Licentiousness was one of those great sins, than which none were more frequently condemned in Scripture. The book of Proverbs drew a fearful picture of this vice and its penalties. Moses legislated against it, and the prophets exposed its enormity. Our Blessed Lord, in His sermon on the Mount, uttered heart-searching words against it, and from the first gospel to the book of Revelations, the New Testament told the same story about this sin. He continued:

And yet, though the Scriptures are so full of condemnation of this great evil, it is scarcely ever mentioned in the pulpit—or if it is, it is done so apologetically and timidly.

I have no sympathy with any such timidity. Any subject that concerns the purity and well-being of society is fit and proper to be discussed from the pulpit. Indeed, he is a timid and unworthy servant of Christ, who dares not follow the example of his Maker and fearlessly apply the precepts of the Gospel to all existing forms of evil.

While then I shall open my lips to speak no word for the ears of the merely prurient or curious, I shall speak plainly, and without circumlocution, of this great sin of licentiousness.

The sin and sequences of social impurity are so gigantic that the contemplation of them fills every thinking person with horror and almost with despair of ever rescuing any soul which the leprosy hand of licentiousness has once clutched. It is in the constitution of human nature that when a man or woman, especially a woman, gives way to this terrible temptation, there is left but little moral force to resist the devil at any other point.

All God's laws which require purity of heart are violated by the unchaste.

The soul, which should bear the image of God, is defiled in its imaginations, and polluted in its affections!

The body, which should be the temple of the Holy Ghost, is degraded and dishonored!

More than all other sins this alienates the heart from God, and closes against the soul the door of heaven! It is a sin against the best laws of human society; it tramples upon the most sacred relations of life; it invades the peace of families; it despoils the heart of its best affections; the mind of its noblest sentiments; it creates discords and dispersions and covers more than its perpetrators with shame and disgrace. To the soul it brings disquietude, anxiety, remorse, anguish, and the curse of God!

To the body disease and death; for nature long trespassed on abused, at length herself becomes her own avenger. Disease, at last, its forms too loathsome to be even mentioned, takes up the whip of retribution! Disease reaches every vein, makes a highway of every nerve for the scorching feet of pain to travel on, pulls at every muscle, and saps the strength from the bodies, and at last sends the dishonored soul out of the dismantled and dishonored body into the presence of God!

You have shuddered at the horrors which Daubigue so vividly describes which the martyrs had to endure, but I tell you that there are no horrors like those which the Hospital Surgeon sees as he walks down the incurable ward where lies the groaning victim of licentiousness.

That this sin with its soul-and-body destroying work is here in Honolulu we all know. I shall strive to waste no words, but speak at once of the causes and then of the cure of this appalling crime.

II. The Causes. 1. One of the causes is ignorance. Every clean, thinking man should be alarmed at the growth of a passive conviction, that the toleration of this so-called "social evil," in cities at least, is a necessity, and a settled matter. The pulpit, the press, and the platform should speak out boldly and educate the public to right views in this matter. Young and old must be taught what God's word and human experience alike teach most unmistakably—that chastity is the primal condition of physical, intellectual and moral health;—that chastity is the basis, the foundation stone—nay, the very ground on which the foundation of society is laid.

Wide-spread ignorance of this truth is the chief, most insinuating cause of unchastity. I include in this assertion not only those who live on the vast border-line of animalism, but those of more fortunate birth, conviction and profession.

Social purity is possible and best for every human being.

Every young man, as well as every young

woman, should be trained in this philosophy. It should be taught them from their cradles. It should be made not only plausible, but clearly demonstrated by science, the observations and experiences of mankind, and the laws of God.

Parents, and all public teachers, need to grasp and teach a higher view of Marriage and its duties. The prevalent belief and rule of action that the propagation of the race is to be the result of blind, excessive gratification of the lower appetites of man is a monstrosity unworthy of reasoning being. And yet this is a fact in our homes to-day. The fact that this degradation has thrown over it the sanction of the marriage does not take away its enormity nor its criminality.

True marriage is born of love above the plane of desire. Desire should be the immaculate child of love—not love of desire.

I dare not speak as plainly as I ought on this point. But this I say: The house of the woman will never lack victims, as long as so many Christian and respectable homes are filled with children and the offspring of legalized passion. These homes form an inexhaustible supply from which the dens of infamy can draw to recruit their diseased ranks.

And what do our youth know of these things? And how do they know them?

Parents are mawkishly silent and falsely modest. The pulpit, the preacher, the press all ignore the evil.

So the children grow up with no knowledge, save the vicious sort, picked up at the schools or on the street.

That knowledge which should come from the clean lips of a father—falls upon the ear of your son as it drips from the blasphemous tongue of a street hoodlum.

That knowledge which should have been given your daughter by the pure words of a mother in some hour of solemn and holy confidence, she reads in some obscene publication, the words of which are burned into her memory, and the subtle poison enters brain and blood.

You can see at a glance that ignorance—criminal ignorance on the part of parents—deplorable ignorance on the part of our youth—is the main cause of the social evil.

2 And this suggests a second cause of the social evil—impure literature.

Bad books, and worse, illustrated newspapers, unknown to father and mother, creep like the lice of Egypt into homes, schools, colleges and places of business. This black-lettered obscenity circulates everywhere. We have to thank our Government officials for the fact that it no longer lies in reeking piles on some of our news-stands, nor flaunts itself in bawdy pictorials on street bulletin boards. But it still finds its way here as an examination of any saloon or barber shop periodical table will show. Says Mr. Beecher: "France, where religion long ago went out smothered in licentiousness, has flooded the world with a species of literature redolent of depravity. Upon the plea of exhibiting nature and man, novels are now scooped out of the very lava of corrupt passion."

"Over loathsome women and unutterably vile men, and over all their monstrous deeds—there lies their plots, their crimes, their reckless pleasures, their conversations—is thrown the checkered light of a hot imagination, until they glow with an infernal lustre. Novels of the French school, and of English imitators are the common sewers of society, into which drain the concentrated filth of the worst passions of the worst creatures of the worst cities."

You will say, perhaps, that I exaggerate the extent of this evil. Listen to facts:

One man in Brooklyn, N. Y., made a fortune of \$400,000 by publishing obscene books. When his establishment was seized there was found \$300,000 worth of books on hand.

Three other establishments were broken in that same city which were doing a business almost as large. These are only a few of the rascals in one city, yonder in America, who send their vile publications, like so many reptiles crawling everywhere, on their soul-destroying work.

Another grade of publications, which the law cannot touch—the low, flashy, vulgar story papers for "boys and girls"—turn off editions of tens, and some of them hundreds of thousands weekly. Add to these the trash known as "Dime Novels"—almost without exception degrading in style, low in tone, and false in morals—and you can see what a potent weapon the Devil wields in impure and debasing literature. He has made the printing press an incline plane, down which young people glide every year into licentiousness.

2. Extravagant living, love of dress, and vulgar display, so characteristic of this fast age in which we are living, is another famous recruiting sergeant for the ranks of infamy.

A noble Christian woman, who has given years of her life to the rescue of fallen women, and whom God has signally blessed in that work, dipped her pen in tears as she wrote: (I quote her words.)

"The majority of fallen women are not those who have sold their birthright for love, or have been betrayed; but they come from the ranks of those vain, ignorant girls to whom dress and adventure are the wine of life. The disheartening thing about my work is," she continues, "the sad fact that there are scores and hundreds of young women every year who deliberately consent to enter

the chariot of death—that chariot which they know is drawn by the fiery steeds of lust, which fiercely fly, and stop not for food or breath till they have accomplished their fatal journey—if they may cover the seat with flowery silks, and catch the glitter and sparkle of their jewels, as they are hurled down to their living death."

Did time allow, I would speak of the false education and enforced idleness which many women endure: Evil associations and the unrestricted liberty which our western customs give the young of both sexes—these all are minor causes which tend to bring recruits to this terrible sin.

But I hasten to indicate a few remedies for this evil:

1. This work must begin in our homes in proper education and prevention.

Young boys and girls should be properly informed upon sexuality, and that at an early age.

Parents sometimes make a fatal mistake. They think if they can keep their child ignorant he will be innocent.

But beyond a certain age he cannot be kept ignorant. His only hope of innocence then will be in right teaching, morally and physiologically.

2 And this, as I have said, is the sacred duty of the parents.

But not theirs only.

Here is work also for the family physician. He should supplement in a social and unprofessional way the work of the parents.

And their work should not be confined to the homes in which they practice. Let them write well-worded articles to the press, publish cheap, popular pamphlets on this subject, and in all their intercourse with the young, insist upon absolute purity as the only standard, and in every way as tending to physical development, intellectual vigor and moral integrity.

Back of his words compel every physician to put a clean life.

Keep the children of both sexes under the wise control of the household, until they pass the time when passion first demands a heading.

No boys on the streets at night, and no girls at midnight parties and balls, and there will be less animalism.

To accomplish these ends of prevention the home must not only be wise, but attractive. Money is the least necessary condition.

Love, beautiful love, is the vital thing. Known, felt, pronounced love between father and father.

Coldness here is very catching. Home has no purgatory, it is either heaven or hell, and children will soon feel that it is the latter when love is wanting. A loveless home is very close of kin to the saloon and the house of shame.

And if you ask me how to close these twin dens of infamy, my answer can be put in a sentence: "Block up the way to them with loving homes."

2. Give your boys and girls good literature, and cultivate in them a taste for good reading.

Teach them to shun a bad, low, vulgar, profane book as they would such a person. Teach them that the desperado is not brave, nor the libertine gallant, nor the unchaste woman a heroine, and that any book that so teaches is to be shunned.

"Oh!" you say, "I am a man of business, and have no time to inspect the books and papers which come into my household." If your child was threatened with typhoid fever would you have time to go after the doctor? Would you have time to watch with her? Would you have time to attend the funeral?

In the presence of God I warn you of a more deadly malaria than that which brings typhoid. See to it that your home is closed against it.

3. And what is true of bad reading is doubly true of bad associates.

Sin is a catching, infectious, epidemic. I care not how strong the character may be, if a young man, or a young woman associates with the impure, the moral taint will do its work.

4. Let there be clear explicit laws against this evil, and let them be strictly and impartially enforced. Let the law cut home to the black heart of the libertine, as well as upon the woman with whom he consorts.

5. Let woman demand of man the same purity which man demands of woman. Let social custom enforce this demand.

The woman who falls, no matter under what temptation, or by what subtle satanic arts some fiend in the guise of a man causes her to fall—the woman is an outcast. Hell opens to be her house. Women themselves are often her most determined and inexorable judges and enemies. Man may forgive—some woman never. They bolt and bar her out of all decent society. They write over her door: "No hope on this side of the grave, or on the other." They draw close about them their virtuous robes as they pass her on the street for fear of defilement.

But what of the wretch who ruined her—or the filthy wretches who nightly consort with her in her leprosed bed? If they have money, women, and society, who shut out from all hope their partner in crime—the poor, sinful woman—take the equally guilty and sinful man by the hand, smile upon him, invite him to their homes, seat him by their daughters, and try to ensnare what

remains of his blackened, gangrened heart, with their daughter's beauty.

You say, that's strongly put. I have known a mother, who would not so much as look at a fallen woman in the street, give the hand of her daughter to a man who came from that fallen woman's house to that Christian home.

How the Devil must laugh at such Christian charity and consistency.

Our pagan ancestors were more just than we. Tacitus tells us that our pagan German fathers buried the adulterer alive in the mud. The adulteress they whipped through the streets.

We, Christians, whip the adulteress from society, and bury her in a pit of hopeless despair. We take the adulterer by the hand and tell our daughters that he is not very muddy. And our Christian society weds its beauty to the reeking beast.

Young men, my closing words are to you: I know that I do not exaggerate when I say that Honolulu has young men—with good mothers and pure sisters—who, if their lives should be uncovered, could never look these mothers and sisters in the face again. They are full of fears of exposure. Their lives are masked in many ways. They live a daily lie.

Do I speak to any such young men to-night? The day of exposure will come. Your hand is already upraised to break your mother's heart.

Go to your home to-night; or, if your home is hundreds of miles away, write home cursing your mother's grey hair, cursing her stooped shoulder, cursing the cradle in which she rocked you, cursing the grave in which her tired body will soon lie. "Horror!" you say. "I can't—I won't do that."

But you are doing it. You are living a daily curse upon that mother and that home. Look closely at your hand. It is red already with the blood of a mother's broken heart.

What are those darker spots? The blood of your own soul.

No washing will cleanse it save the blood of Christ.

Young men who are yet pure, but who are daily in danger of falling. "Remove thy way from her; come not nigh the door of her house; her house is the way to hell. None that go unto her return, neither take they hold of the paths of life."

## SUGARS.

We present the very latest advices as received from William Dimond & Co. of San Francisco under date of September 1st. That firm reports as follows:

We quote sales in New York on the 28th ult. of 525 hhds. Cuba centrifugals, 96 per cent test at 5 1/4, showing an advance of 1/4 ct. over our last report. Advices of the 25th ult. from same port state that there is only a limited demand, but the improved tone of the market in Europe gives holders more confidence. Local consumers were supplying their wants only as they arose and showed no disposition to provide for the future.

Changes of the year compared with the previous year are:

Stocks 48,000 tons more. Receipts 52,000 tons more. Distribution 114,000 tons more. Prices 1 15-16 ct. lower.

Willett & Hamlin of New York report as follows: "An improvement is certainly going on in the statistical position of sugar, in which prices should participate sooner or later. Looking ahead to supplies for the United States for the next twelve months, the reports now in hand from producing countries give a possibility, at least, of heavy decrease in cane sugar. The possibilities point to 75,000 to 100,000 tons less from Cuba, 25,000 to 50,000 tons less from Brazil, 30,000 to 40,000 tons less from the Philippines, 25,000 tons less from British West Indies, 30,000 tons less from French West Indies, directed to France by their new tariff. At present these are only possible deficiencies which, if realized, would require, by our increasing consumption, to be met by largely increased importation of Beet Root sugar, making this a new outlet for the surplus crop of Germany during the next twelve months, but not necessarily improving prices to any great extent."

London exchanges of Aug. 15th report Landings in U. K. have been about same as Deliveries, and Stocks are 60,000 tons more, and the quantity afloat is about 20,000 tons less than last year.

RICE.—Since our last circular price of rice has fallen to 5 1/4 ct. 60 days. The cause is chiefly attributed to recent arrivals and forced sales by one or two houses.

Two of the larger holders have stored all their rice and are holding it for a better price this month. They will undoubtedly realize 5 1/4 cts. if the reported storage in S. J. rice crop is correct. Eastern market will not pay above 4 1/4 cts. f. o. b. Territory 5 cts. f. o. b.

FLOUR.—G. G. Ex. Family, \$4.60. 1E Dorado \$3.50.

BRAN.—\$16 per ton f. o. b.

GROUND BARLEY.—\$18 per ton f. o. b.

BARLEY.—No. 1 feed 85 cts. @ 87 1/2 cts.

OATS.—Fair \$1.20, medium \$1.55, choice \$1.75.

HAY.—Wheat and Oat comp. \$16 f. o. b.

Wild Oat comp. \$16.50. Large Bales Wild Oat \$14.50 @ \$16 f. o. b.

LIME.—\$1.50.

CHARTERS.—Market very quiet as En-

glish advices continue discouraging, and there is not much inquiry from shippers, even though wheat has declined here. Iron tonnage is held at 45s. Cork, U. K. wooden 40s., Cork, U. K. Havre, Antwerp.

EXCHANGE.—London 60 days' sight, 49 1/4, New York sight, 5 c.

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## Aloha, Benedict.

We had the pleasure of a call from our latest Benedict, Mr. Oliver Duval, yesterday. As will be seen in another column, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Rachael Lewis on the 6th inst., and at the residence of the Rev. J. A. Cruzan. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Duval all possible happiness.

## Reported Killed.

A passenger on board the Mariposa states that the man Caspar, who shot Hugh Tennent and MacCallum at Hilo last year, was recently killed by a brother of Tennent. The tragedy took place in Mexico, Tennent having tracked Caspar from place to place. We cannot vouch for the accuracy of the information, but we give it for what it is worth.

## Acknowledgments.

Our contemporaries are hard up for locals, and are perfectly ready to print the fact that a Thomas Cat winked out at Waikiki at 3:47 a.m. We fall into line, and beg to announce that Mr. Muggleston's baby, on Fort street, cut a tooth yesterday, and is convalescent. We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a musk-melon from Wong Ho Kai Tao Kong, and a defunct lime from an anonymous friend. So mote it be.

## A Cowardly Assault.

Captain Chnie, owner of the "Caracelle," was on Saturday evening, about 9 o'clock, struck from behind with a soda-water bottle by a native by-stander on the back of the head. The bottle broke over his head, cutting the scalp open. The wound was not very dangerous, though blood flowed freely.

## ISLAND NOTES.

HONOLULU, HAWAII, Sept. 5th, 1884.

A serious accident occurred here on last Saturday. A native woman was accidentally shot in the right side by her young son, a boy of nine years. She received a full charge of shot at a distance of a few feet causing a compound fracture of the ribs. Doctor Greenfield has been in constant attendance since the accident occurred, and the woman is improving although at first it was thought she could not live.

The Hon. J. K. Kaunamano has returned by the steamer Bishop and was literally besieged by his constituents and friends all day yesterday.

WAILUKU, MAUI, Sept. 5th, 1884.

Nothing much in the way of news has transpired lately here, except the suicide of Marcellus E. Newton, Port Surveyor at Kahului, who shot himself last Wednesday forenoon. It appears that the deceased believed himself too under police surveillance for a charge of receiving bribes from importers of opium, and that it would be but a short time before he would be arrested. It is said that he told his wife that as soon as he was arrested she would require to go down to Honolulu and live with her people. The deceased leaves a wife and three children. His loss is deeply regretted.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Dr. Brodie, who was expected to arrive yesterday, will not get here until the next steamer.

We are glad to welcome back Mr. J. E. Wiseman, who has had a pleasant trip to the Coast and back.

Messrs. William G. Irwin & Co. filed an additional claim against the bankrupt estate of the Hart Brothers for \$910 yesterday.

Fifty-two of the laws passed by the last Legislative Assembly are signed by the King, and now on file in the office of the Minister of the Interior.

A new class will be formed to-night at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms for the purpose of giving young men special instruction in arithmetic, under the direction of Mr. A. Frank Cooke.

We have to record the death of Captain P. S. Wilcox, who died at Visalia, California, August 28th. He was an old whaling captain, and a member of the well-known firm of Wilcox, Richards & Co.

The steamer Kinau will be hauled up on the Marine Railway next week. The steamers Lehua and Kilanea Hou leave Honolulu on 16th instant, at 4 p.m., taking passengers and freight for Kinau ports, and also for regular ports on the Hamakua coast.

Messrs. Lyons & Levey's special and attractive sale of elegant furniture will take place to-morrow, the whole being at their spacious salesroom in Beaver Block throughout the day. This elegant assortment of furniture will be found well worthy of inspection, as the consignment comprises all the necessary articles required to furnish a house completely.